(d) No; hence the necessity for exemption, as explained in the answer to part (a).

(e) The policy of the Government has been to encourage private agencies, provided economy would be promoted, and the educational interests of the locality would not suffer thereby and to open new Government schools in backward areas with the funds set free.

Complaints from teachers, &c., regarding supersession of claims for promotion.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

256. During the last 3 years how many complaints have been received by the Director and the Diwan, from teachers and other servants of the Educational Department regarding supersession of claims for promotion, and in how many cases have the original orders been modified?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

A perusal of the records of the period shows that 81 complaints were presented to the Director and 20 to the Diwan. Of the former, the original orders in 3 cases, and of the latter in 2 cases, were revised.

Appointments of School Finals only in the School Department.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

257. (a) Is it a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular to the effect that none but School Finals should be employed as teachers in the schools of the State, Government and aided, although the *Educational Code* does not require that qualification?

(b) If the answer is in the affirmative, is there any special reason for it, and have exemptions been given since then, and if so, who are the persons exempted?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) No such circular has been issued. With a view to improve the staffs of aided schools, the Inspecting Officers were directed to advise the Managers of aided schools to appoint, as far as possible, complete School Finals, since such hands are available in large numbers.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a) of the question, no answer is necessary.

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